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1. DUSSELDORF REQUESTS DEPARTMENT'S APPROVAL TO RETAIN LOCAL LAW OFFICE ON RECURRING BASIS FOR POST'S ASSISTANCE AND GUIDANCE IN CONSULAR RELATED MATTERS. POST PERIODICALLY FINDS ADVICE OF AN ATTORNEY NECESSARY IN ARRESTS AND TRIALS, WELFARE, PROTECTION, ESTATES, AND PROPERTY MATTERS OF U.S. CITIZENS. OUR ABILITY TO REPEATEDLY REQUEST LEGAL ASSISTANCE OR ADVICE OF FRIENDLY ATTORNEYS ON NO-FEE BASIS HAS PROVED UNSATISFACTORY. CONSULATE GENERAL, THEREFORE, PROPOSES TO RETAIN LARGE AND RENOWNED DUSSELDORF LAW FIRM, MANY OF WHOSE LAWYERS HAVE STUDIED IN BOTH GERMANY AND U.S., TO PROVIDE POST WITH LEGAL ASSISTANCE AND GUIDANCE AS NECESSARY.

2. NAME AND ADDRESS OF FIRM:

BRUCKHAUS, KREIFELS, WINKHAUS & LIEBERKNECHT
BERLINER ALLEE 2,
DUSSELDORF, GERMANY

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OUR PRINCIPAL CONTACT THERE WILL BE ATTORNEY DR. WOLF D. KRAUSE-ABLASS, 38 YEARS OLD AND PARTNER IN FIRM. HE HAS STUDIED LAW IN KIEL, TUEBINGEN, AND GENEVA AND HAS LL.M. DEGREE FROM HARVARD. HE IS ADMITTED TO ALL LOCAL COURTS IN GERMANY AND TO DISTRICT COURT IN DUSSELDORF. STAFF OF 22 OTHER LAWYERS IN FIRM ALSO WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO US.

3. ESTIMATED COST OF SERVICE WOULD BE DM 1,000 PER
QUARTER. AT PRESENT EXCHANGE RATE THIS WOULD BE ABOUT
\$2,000 PER YEAR. ESTIMATED FEE IS LESS THAN RETAINER
NORMALLY CHARGED FIRM'S CLIENTS.

4. POST BELIEVES RETAINING THIS FIRM WOULD MEASURABLY
IMPROVE OUR ABILITY TO ASSIST THE PUBLIC. THEREFORE,
URGE DEPARTMENT'S EARLY APPROVAL OF OUR REQUEST.DUX

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